

## GOING EAST THIS WEEK

Summer is passing, and with it the summer merchandise must go. We are offering our clothing 'way down—many suits at half price. This is not an advertising scheme nor a joke; we are simply trying to close out our light weight suits. Now you can't afford to miss getting a \$15 suit at \$7.50. These suits are new and many of them are heavy enough for all-seasons wear. Now is your opportunity if you will need a suit at any time within the next year. We have always been proud of our gingham, and we want you to come in and see the best line of gingham you ever saw offered at 10c. Come on and get choice of patterns—all new and snappy. Remember our Red Seal gingham—sun and wash proof. Nothing better in the gingham world. Lots of new dress goods in Ratinas, Poplins and New Cloth—good for summer or fall wear. Ask to see the new goods. They are coming on every train.

Soon time for fall shoes and we have a big stock of Queen Quality coming. Most ladies know what Queen Quality means. They are the highest in style, coupled with comfort. No other shoe has the Flexsole to compare with Queen Quality. All ladies who read the Ladies Home Journal and other leading magazines know what Queen Quality means. Now if it's cheap shoes you want we have them—you need not go to the mail order house. Ask to see our ladies and mens shoes at \$1.35; also babies shoes as low as 15c. We want your shoe business, and believe we are entitled to it if we give you both price and quality. Remember the place—Bryant-Link Co.—for shoes. Our buyers go east this week to glean the market for new merchandise. We are going to put in a much larger stock of dry goods than we have ever had, and we want the people of the Spur country to know we are making extensive preparations to meet their every need in dry goods of style and quality and at prices to compete with any market. We will carry a large line ladies suits and coats, and also childrens coats, and we have already bought a big line of furs from the leading fur house of New York. Don't forget these things, for we are going right on all special lines.

We are in the wind mill game. The Star, in wood and steel—nothing better—and we are right on pipe and fittings, wire and nails, and the price we will make you on Baker Perfect will surprise you. Corrugated iron to cover your new barn. Stoves, stoves, stoves. Just bought a car of the Lilly Darling. Nothing better. We have never had one returned and we guarantee every one that we sell.

Now we are after business in every line we carry. You do not blame us for that. We try to be live wires, but it is not alone for the few \$ we may gain that we want our customers friendship. This life is more than dollars and cents to us. We have pride in trying to build a big business in Spur, and to do it by fair dealing. Come on with the many who trade with us. Let us shake your hand and be your friend.—Bryant-Link Company.

## SHOWERS OF RAIN OVER COUNTRY FRIDAY EVENING

During the past several weeks each Friday and Friday night showers of rain have fallen over Spur and the Spur country. Last Friday was no exception to the rain schedule, and while the rain at this time possibly did not cover the entire territory and was not a regular Western Texas deluge, yet it was what is generally termed in this section as "a nice cotton shower", and will also benefit feed, grass and other growing crops. We are expecting another good rain again this week at the usual time.

Almost from the beginning of the crop season and crop preparations we have heard expressed fears and predictions of a drouth, short crops and other calamities, yet it continues to rain, crops continue to grow and bear fruit and this fall we expect to see harvested, regardless of the pessimist, one of the biggest crops within the history of farming operations in this section of the country.

### MERRY WIVES

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon was hostess to the Merry Wives Friday morning, July 25. It was cool and pleasant and all enjoyed a number of games of 42. A lovely salad course was served.

The elegant new Standifer home was thrown open Friday night to the Merry Wives and their husbands, Mesdames Standifer and Reagan being the hostesses. Ten tables were arranged for 42 and as the games progressed beautiful music was rendered by Misses Reagan, Baker and Standifer.

Lovely cake and peach cream were served.

The beautiful, spacious rooms, cool porches, lights, music, flowers, merry laughter of congenial friends and above all the genial hospitality of the hosts and hostesses made a scene which will long linger in the memory of the guests.—Reporter.

## THE SPUR FARM LANDS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP

Mr. Wilson, of near Jayton, and who recently purchased a tract of the Spur Farm Lands in the Girard country, was in Spur this week buying wire, posts and other material for the improvement of his purchase. He will build a residence later in the fall and move to the place in time to clear land and make a crop next year. Other farm tracts in that section have been recently sold by the Spur Farm Lands management, and it is very probable that each of the farm tracts sold will be improved and prepared for cultivation another year.

Substantial citizens and farmers are taking advantage of the superior agricultural inducements offered in the sale of Spur Farm Lands, and while at the present time comparatively few new farm homes are to be noted on the 673 square miles of territory, yet surely and steadily continues the settlement and development progress and within a few years substantial and comfortable farm homes will adorn every quarter section of tillable soil comprising the vast body of land known as the Spur Farm Lands and recognized as the richest body of undeveloped agricultural land in America.

### PLEASED WITH SPUR COUNTRY

L. W. Boling, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and subscribed for the paper. Mr. Boling reported that notwithstanding the fact that his crops are late, they are fine and promise a bumper production. Mr. Boling is recently from the Plains country where he has been farming for several years but is well pleased with the Spur country and will no doubt become permanently located here.

Jack Renfroe and wife and Irvin Renfroe and family, of Jayton, were in Spur Wednesday.

## FIRE DESTROYS CAYLOR BUILDING SATURDAY NIGHT

Fire completely destroyed the former Caylor-Leard lumber sheds near the Conner wagon yard Saturday night about eleven o'clock. Stored in the shed were doors and windows belonging to Perry Fite, and a traction engine and threshing machine owned by J. P. Higgins and others.

The engine and threshing machine were insured to the extent of fifteen hundred dollars, while the other contents and building were not insured. The total loss amounts to several thousand dollars. The origin of the fire is only surmised.

### AFTER YOUR BUSINESS

The Texas Furniture Company is receiving local shipments of goods to supply the present summer needs and is making prices to encourage buying during the summer season. A large and complete stock of furniture and house furnishings will arrive at an early date and we will make it to your interest to do business with us now and throughout the fall months. This fall we will buy your cotton seed and pay the highest cash price, will trade furniture for horses and cattle and if necessary will extend credit to our customers. The Texas Furniture Company is here to do the business and accommodate the trade and we will save you money in a business way.—W.H. Stephens.

### DIED

D. A. Moore was in Spur Wednesday from his farm home in the Steel Hill country. While in the city Mr. Moore called at the Texas Spur office and subscribed for the paper for which he has our thanks. Miss Ceville Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, died Friday night of last week and the remains were interred Saturday in the Spur Cemetery. The Texas Spur joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to the sorrowing relatives and friends in their bereavement.

## SPUR COUNTRY ADAPTED TO FRUIT GROWING.

J. J. Rogers, a prominent citizen and ranchman on Cat Fish west of Spur, was in the city Thursday. He brought in a bushel or more of big, fine peaches grown on his place this year, and there is no question but that the fruit of this section will compare favorably with the best products of the more extensively recognized fruit belts of the state. Mr. Rogers has several hundred trees in orchard, consisting of varieties in seedling peaches, apples and other fruits which are now bearing in abundance. He also has a number of young trees growing in the orchard and which promises an abundance of fruit in the years to come.

Other old timers of this section have demonstrated by the fruits of many successive years that the soil of the Spur country is especially adapted to growing fruit in variety and abundance, and as the country settles and develops the fruit growing industry will become more generally recognized and extensively developed.

### IN FINE SHPE

W. W. Ellis, of fifteen or sixteen miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday on business and trading with the Spur merchants. Mr. Ellis reports that crops and general conditions in his section of the country are good. He is an old timer of Kent county, at the present time being commissioner of his precinct and one of the leading citizens of the county.

### BUYS SPUR PROPERTY

It is reported that Jack Renfroe, of Jayton, has purchased the G. A. Pursley residence property in the north part of the city and with his family will move here at an early date and become identified with the permanent citizenship.

### DIED

J. B. Richburg returned Thursday from Carlton where he has been some time at the bed side of his father who died Wednesday of last week. The Texas Spur extends sympathy to Mr. Richburg and the family in this bereavement.

### NEW MUSIC TEACHER

Miss Mattie T. Doyle, of Grandbury, has been endorsed by the Spur School Board as teacher of music in the school for the coming term. At the present time Miss Doyle is at the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio, but will come to Spur the latter part of the month. She is highly recommended as a capable and efficient teacher of music.

### MASONIC OFFICIAL COMING

B. F. Huntsman, of Aspermont, D. D. G. M., of the Masonic Order, will be in Spur at the next regular meeting of the local lodge and participate in the business proceedings of the meeting.

## HEADQUARTERS FOR SCHOOL

### BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

## SCHOOL BOOKS ARE CASH TO EVERY ONE

WE have on hand a supply of the newly adopted school books to be taught in the various grades during the coming term of the Spur High School. We also have a complete line of pencils, pens, tablets and school supplies. We are headquarters for school books and school supplies, drugs, patent medicines and toilet articles.

### DRINK AT OUR FOUNTAIN

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# THE TEXAS SPUR

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For certain kinds of lassitude a fishing trip is not so bad.

Yes, Bedella, starvation is among those things which come to those who wait.

"Love conquers all things," said Virgil. But he forgot the tight shoe with a corn inside it.

When the automobile is used as an offensive weapon in war France will be a terrible opponent.

Clutches and crutches are boon companions when you happen to crank the auto with the former in.

Our daily pleasure: Trying to keep the same umbrella in our possession for two consecutive hours.

Ironical, indeed, is the dentist's comment that it's a pleasant day, when you go to get a tooth pulled.

Monday was washday in Uncle Sam's treasury, and we sent in a couple of dollar bills to be "degermed."

Two women fought a duel with shears in Oakland, Cal. Is there a law against hatpins out there?

It takes an automobile race to show how many things there are about one of the machines that can be broken.

Careful experiments by competent operators have shown that a lawn mower will run easier if you oil it occasionally.

Dr. Yerkes, Harvard savant, rises to state that the anglerworm feels a great deal of pain when used for fish bait. Get the hook!

California man is hunting a woman who is a vegetarian, will marry by contract and wears few clothes. He's doomed to bachelorhood.

Report says the Honduras banana crop is in danger of failure, which again shows that even scientific cultivators slip up occasionally.

Skirts will disappear in 2013, says a Washington society woman. Doesn't look as if there are enough left of them now to last that long.

The Norwegian whale harpooner's \$1,000 a month is likely to give even some of our fairly successful paragraphers a feeling of discontent.

No, Priscilla, just because the baby has learned to snap his fingers doesn't necessarily indicate that some day he will become a great ragtime singer.

Speaking of pet lines of torment, what about the fellow who comes in and tells you how good the fishing is when you can't get away to enjoy it?

A Chicago banker says that none of his clerks is permitted to be married unless he earns at least \$1,000 annually. Is he protecting women or men?

Paris clubmen are insisting that duels should be conducted in privacy. The most appropriate way to conduct a French duel would be by telephone.

Now some Chicago physicians have endorsed the hobble skirt. Perhaps some cubist artists may yet come forward to commend its beauty and grace.

They do things differently in Australia. Instead of making a joke of the law prohibiting women from wearing long hat pins, they fined \$15 who violated it.

A man in San Francisco is building a house whose cornice is to be gold-plated. The first thing he knows enterprising burglars will be taking the roof off the house.

"They are treating grasshoppers with kerosene out in Kansas," says a contemporary. Will not the grasshoppers go to the active legislature and demand an anti-treating law?

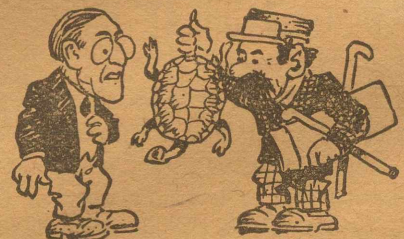
Some Pittsburgh aldermen have undertaken the job of fixing the minimum of women's skirts, when there are so many things that are possible of accomplishment in that town.

A bear was arrested in New York for crippling a man's hand. It might be mentioned, to specify the offender and the offense, that the bear in question was not of the carnivorous or Wall street variety.

Perhaps you really do not know just what you are doing when you tango, but, according to a Latin dictionary, the word means "to take in hand, carry off, to strike, beat, smear." Figure it out.

# WASHINGTON GOSSIP

## An Unending Procession of Many Strange Gifts



WASHINGTON. — Thousands of gifts, from millionaire and laboring man, constantly remind President Wilson that, though he is constitutionally precluded from receiving presents from prince, potentate or foreign power, the people of his own country do not forget him. In unending procession the gifts have come. The stream of gifts to the new president started on the day of his induction into office. It will continue with more or less intermittence until the day he ceases to be president of the United States. The gifts are marked by a catholicity of choice that is truly amazing.

These unknown friends of the chief executive do not confine the mediums by which the gifts are sent to any one

carrier; in fact, the methods chosen to send them, large and small, are almost as varied as is possible.

A favorite method is the old and tried "personal messenger" plan, whereby strenuous efforts are made to deliver the gift in person.

If the distance is too great for the giver to reach Washington—or if he has no acquaintance here—or if he cannot prevail upon his congressman to present the gift for him—it will be reluctantly trusted to the tender mercy of the express companies or the mails.

The nature of the gifts varies in such a way that the president might possess a good start toward collecting a museum of curiosities or even establishing a zoological park. Pamphlets and books enough to furnish a good-sized library accumulate every few weeks. Just for the sake of variety a mud turtle, sent by admirers on the eastern shore of Maryland, was found, carefully wrapped, in the morning's mail one day not long ago. The reptile had not been harmed in any way and was immediately turned loose in the White House grounds.

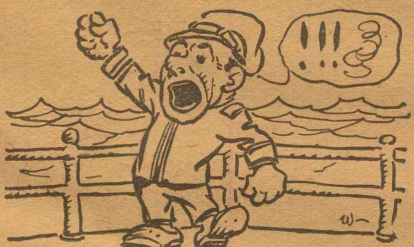
## Grave and Logical Treatise on Reformed Sea Talk

IT has been gravely and logically urged that the substitution of "right" and "left" for "starboard" and "port" in the navy makes it much easier for inexperienced men to learn to steer. How many other changes could be made with a similar end in view?

For instance it surely must rasp the nerves of the green landsman on a warship to hear an officer during gun drill snap out the command "Silence." How much better it would be for the officer to say in a bland and soothing voice, "Gentlemen, will you be kind enough to come to order?"

The next command has always been "Cast loose and provide." This has a rude twang. How much prettier it would be to say, "Friends, prepare this piece of artillery for use against the enemy and bring up the ammunition from downstairs."

During the silent watches of the night one hears on the warships now such dialogues as this:



"Masthead there!"  
"Aye, aye, sir."  
"How does that light bear now?"  
"Two points and a quarter off the starboard bow, sir."  
"Wouldn't it be better if it were something like this:  
"Friend Jones, are you awake?"  
"Yes, indeed, sir."  
"Well, then, will you be kind enough to tell me in what direction you see that light?"  
"The line of its direction, sir, is about thirty feet to the right of the flag pole on the front end of the ship."

## Only One Who Could See All That Was Going On



A SOCIAL atmosphere was given to an Avenue car by the majority of the passengers, who were obviously out for an early evening ride.

The one serious person aboard was the motorman, who kept a firm grip on his lever and looked ahead with ever-watchful eye.

Each time the car stopped for a minute to let passengers get on or off people scuttled across the track without the least apparent fear of being run over, and even when the big thing was whizzing along women who were only a few yards ahead would sprint in front of it as if they reviled in the risk—not counting an oc-

casional man who looked as if he might be sensible enough to realize the disadvantages of injury or sudden death. This reckless flirtation with danger surprised at least one passenger who sat on a front seat.

"Say, motorman, I'm a stranger in this burg. What's the matter with the people here; taking chances as if the car couldn't hurt 'em if it tried? First thing you know, you're going to be stopped by an inhabitant or two under the wheel. Do you folks go on like this as a regular thing? And don't you ever have to make use of your coroner?"

"Habit, I guess. I suppose they know we are keeping a sharp lookout all the time. When I've come near an accident I can't sleep well for nights thinking of it—hi there!"

The motorman stopped his just-started car with a mighty wrench.

Otherwise a young person in white rattle, with high-heeled slippers and a floppy Panama, would have had her name in the papers next day—in the death notices.

## Family of 13 Triumphs Over Civil Service Law

THIS is a story of how a meritorious case and a family of thirteen put one over the civil service commission. After six years of waiting, Richard T. Underwood of Pennsylvania has almost reached the goal he won through an examination.

A bookbinder, Mr. Underwood passed in 1907 an examination that entitled him to appointment in the government printing office at \$4 a day. There was no vacancy, but his family, consisting of a wife and ten children, required support, so he accepted the place of laborer in the post-office department at \$660 a year.

Underwood was promoted Feb. 1, 1908, to an assistant messenger's position at \$720 a year.

It was discovered that before he could be promoted to a higher salary, which he deserved, in Mr. Hitchcock's opinion, it would be necessary for him to pass another civil service examination. Lack of education in the fifth made this impossible, so Mr.



Hitchcock wrote the facts to the president, urging that Underwood be excepted from the requirement because of his value to the department and the eleven other reasons, the wife and ten children. July 27, 1912, Mr. Taft directed his promotion without examination.

Governor Dockery recommended Underwood's promotion to \$1,000 a year, effective July 1. Postmaster General Burleson has made the necessary order. Meantime a daughter, born in February, increased Underwood's family to thirteen.

## DISHES WITHOUT MEAT

ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE DURING THE HOT WEATHER.

As Nourishment Without Heating Is the Object to Be Attained These Recipes Are Particularly Valuable Just Now.

Something that will nourish without heating is the demand in the way of edibles at this season.

**Spinach Eggs**—Four eggs, spinach white sauce, butter, cream.

Cut in halves four hard boiled eggs and rub the yolks through a sieve. Season some cooked spinach with a little butter and cream and fill the whites of the eggs with the mixture. Place in a buttered baking dish and pour over the whole a good white sauce. Use the yolks for a garnish over the top and brown in a quick oven.

**Escalloped Tomato**—Two cups of tomatoes, two cups of bread crumbs one-quarter cup of butter, salt and pepper.

Cook the tomatoes with the seasoning until tender. Into the melted butter stir the crumbs, but do not let them brown. Place in a buttered casserole or pudding dish alternate layers of the tomatoes and crumbs until all are used. Let the last layer be crumbs and bake to a light, golden brown.

**Bean Fricassee**—One pound of marrow beans, one tablespoon of butter one cup of milk or cream, mushroom or tomato catsup, vinegar, pepper and salt, minced parsley.

Boil the beans until tender and drain. Brown the butter in a frying pan and add the beans, stirring until thoroughly seasoned with the butter. Dry and add a little minced parsley salt and pepper. Stir in the milk or cream and let it stew for a few minutes, then season with mushroom or tomato catsup and a little vinegar.

**Corn Chowder**—Two cups of sweet corn, four cups of milk, four cups of sliced potatoes, two tablespoons of butter, one onion, eight soda crackers salt and pepper, two cups of boiling water.

Put half of the butter into a saucepan, add the onion sliced and let cook slowly for five minutes. Then add the potatoes and the corn, with two cups of boiling water. Let cook for twenty minutes and add the milk, the remainder of the butter and salt and pepper to taste. Break the soda crackers in to a dish and pour the chowder over them. Serve at once.

### Plum Rock.

Simmer gently together in an enamelled sauce pan one quart of fine ripe plums and one cup each of sugar and water. When the fruit is tender remove the stones, drain off the sirup and put the pulp into a bowl. Return the sirup to the sauce pan and when boiling hot dissolve into it one-half ounce of gelatine which has been softened in one-half cup of cold water. Stir until the gelatine is thoroughly dissolved, then add the plum pulp one-half cup of blanched almonds coarsely chopped, and if not sweet enough a little more sugar. Mix all well together and pour the mixture into a square mold. When quite cold and firm and time to serve cut it carefully into neat blocks, pile them irregularly around the sides of a glass dish and fill up the center with whipped, sweetened cream. Serve with any light cake.

### Porch Cushions.

Clover, cattail, hops and shredded corn husks make splendid fillings for cushions. The first cushion should be a white linen embroidered with clover blossoms and green leaves. A large crane of gray amid the green leaves, and blossoming brown cattails is suitable for the next cushion. The top leaf and flower are both graceful, and would look neat embroidered on dark green denim. Corn flowers should adorn the cushion cover of the rusk cushion.

### Lily Cake.

This cake is cheap and is very fine rained. One cup sugar and a small tablespoon of butter mixed to a cream, one cup of milk, one cup flour, one tablespoon cornstarch and two even spoons baking powder, one teaspoon vanilla or almond and the whites of two eggs beaten stiff and added last. Be sure and sift baking powder, cornstarch and flour together, the yolks of eggs may be used for a chocolate cake.

### To Clear Soup.

Many housewives dislike to strain soup. This discovery may make it easier: Pour the soup, while hot, through a muslin cloth which has just been wrung out of ice water. When it has all been strained, heat again and serve.

### Bath Mittens.

Very good bath mittens may be made from the good parts of rough towels. Each child may thus have one, thus making the morning rub much more comfortable.

Good Guess.  
"And what do you do at the hospital?"  
"I am an interne."  
"Oh, you have charge of the internal disorders, eh?"

You may be justified in blowing your own horn, but not in going on a toot.

## "It Can't be Done"

It is impossible to maintain health and strength if you allow the stomach to become weak, the liver sluggish and the bowels constipated, but you can guard against such troubles by the daily use of

## HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

**Thought Baby Was Slighted.**  
The baby of the family had been christened that afternoon and little Jane was observed looking thoughtful. Somebody asked what troubled her.

"Oh, I was just a-wondering!" was the quiet reply.

"What were you wondering about, dearie?"

"Oh, I was just a-wondering if all the people's names had been used up."

"What do you mean, dearie? We don't understand."

Jane looked surprised at the density of adult perceptions, but deigned to explain, gently.

"Oh, I noticed that we're going to call the baby Hazel, and it seems as if she might have a real name 'stead of a nut!'"

### Time's Changes Lamented.

Talk of the dog as a beast of burden in England and one recalls the importance of the canine help in the fish transit business of the past. The carriers from the south coast towns to inland markets were once Newfoundland dogs. Thus the order of the team as quoted by Mr. Parker in "Highways and Byways in Surrey;" "Teams of two or four were harnessed together. The man would 'cock his legs up along the sharves.' They not only went as fast as the coaches, but they gained time when the coaches stopped to change horses. A dog-drawn carriage used to bring fish from Littlehampton to Godalming, where oysters were often to be bought three a penny." Oysters at three a penny have gone with the dogs!—London Chronicle.

### FOUND A WAY To Be Clear of Coffee Troubles.

"Husband and myself both had the coffee habit, and finally his stomach and kidneys got in such a bad condition that he was compelled to give up a good position that he had held for years. He was too sick to work. His skin was yellow, and there didn't seem to be an organ in his body that was not affected.

"I told him I felt sure his sickness was due to coffee and after some discussion he decided to give it up.

"It was a struggle, because of the powerful habit. One day we heard about Postum and concluded to try it and then it was easy to leave off coffee.

"His fearful headaches grew less frequent, his complexion began to clear, kidneys grew better until at last he was a new man altogether, as a result of leaving off coffee and taking up Postum. Then I began to drink it too. "Although I was never as bad off as my husband, I was always very nervous and never at any time very strong, only weighing 95 lbs. before I began to use Postum. Now I weigh 115 lbs. and can do as much work as anyone my size, I think."

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Hurley Sampson was in Spur Saturday from the Red Mud country and reported that his peanuts, of which he has seventy five acres, are as fine as could be wished for and promise a bumper production.

Messrs. Hindman, who have been spending several days in the Spur country visiting L. A. Hindman and other relatives, returned Sunday to their homes in Van Zandt county.

Edgar Harvey, young son of S. Harvey of near Dickens, was operated upon for appendicitis last week at the Standifer Hospital and is reported to be doing nicely.

J. P. Gibson came in Saturday from his farm home in the Steel Hill country and spent several hours in the city on business and greeting his friends.

Robt. T. Dopson and family were in the city Saturday from their farm home in the Dry Lake community and spent some time here trading.

J. G. Stearns, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday and purchased supplies of the Spur merchants.

Lost—Somewhere in Spur last Friday one printer's stick. Finder leave same at Texas Spur office and receive reward.

A. A. Marshall was in the city the latter part of last week after supplies and on other business.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall was shopping in the city Saturday from her home a few miles north of town.

J. C. McNeill was here Saturday from the ranch and spent some time in the city on business.

## RETURNING TO SPUR COUNTRY

Lon Fuquay and family and Riley Smith, who left the Spur country several months ago for South Texas with the intent of making that place their future home, returned last week to their former homes in the Red Mud country. Riley was in Spur Saturday and stated that he and Mr. Fuquay had become convinced that no country is better than the Spur country from an agricultural or any other standpoint, and would now become permanent residents of this section. Will and Frank Smith, who also left this country last winter for "a better country" in South Texas, have seen the error of their way, and will return to the Spur country within the next few weeks.

T. A. Smith and wife were in Spur Saturday and spent some time here with friends and trading with the merchants. Uncle Tom reports that the crops in his section are doing fine and promising bumper productions.

## THE DRUGGIST GIVES YOUR MONEY BACK

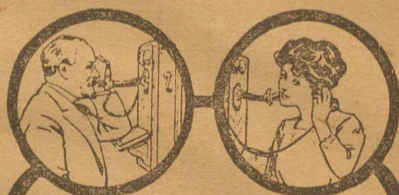
**Dodson's Liver Tone Gets Four Square  
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When an article is sold a druggist who is willing to give it his personal guarantee, it's a mighty strong proof of real merit.

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## Report of the Condition of The Spur National Bank

Made To the Comptroller of the Currency at the Close of  
Business Wednesday, June 4, 1913.

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$198,631.21
Overdrafts	321.01
U. S. Bonds	25,000.00
Five Per Cent Fund	1,250.00
Banking House and Fixtures	32,000.00
Cash and Exchange	84,274.42
Total	\$341,476.64

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, Net	7,014.71
Circulation	24,500.00
Individual Deposits	169,961.93
Time Certificates of Deposit	25,000.00
Total	\$341,476.64

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier

R. V. COLBERT, President

W. O. McFall, one of the most prominent citizens and successful farmers of the Claremont country, was in Spur Saturday after supplies, and also to visit his brother, Fred O. McFall, of north of town. Mr. McFall is optimistic over the fine crop and grass conditions that now prevail throughout his section of the country.

Rev. J. W. Bilberry, of near Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours in the city on business and greeting his friends. He reports that the crops are good in his section.

Mrs. T. A. Tidwell, who has been spending some time in O'Brien with relatives and friends, returned Saturday to her home in Spur.

Mrs. W. C. Pirkle, of Cleburne, arrived in Spur Saturday and is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Sparks and family.

W. S. Taylor and family returned last week from a visit of two weeks to his father, Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country.

Rush McLaughlin, of near Wake, was in the city Saturday and purchased supplies of the merchants.

Bob Davis was a business visitor to Spur Saturday from his farm home in the Dry Lake community.

W. J. Elliott was in the city the latter part of last week from Spring Creek farm and ranch.

Will Cathey, of Jayton, was in Spur Sunday.

J. B. Morrison, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and on other business. While in the city Mr. Morrison was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and ordered the paper sent to Sam Owen of Faith, Alta., Canada.

The Texas Spur was in error last week in stating that Miss Mamie Squyres had returned from a visit to Milsap. Miss Squyres' visit was to relatives at Cleburne and Everman.

Miss Bowman, of Hill county, is visiting her parents, S. R. Bowman and wife, of four miles north of Spur.

Howard Monteith, of Roaring Springs, was in Spur Sunday greeting his friends and former associates.

J. N. Zumwalt was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm and ranch home twenty miles west.

Jim Smith was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm home about eight miles west of Spur.

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# Corner for the Juniors

## ROPE TRICK IS "EXPLAINED"

English Writer Makes Explanation of Cunning Artifice—Does Not Appear Conclusive.

The Indian rope trick, which no one who has seen it performed has ever satisfactorily explained, is "explained" by J. N. Maskelyne, an English writer.

Mr. Maskelyne dismisses the trick as follows: Indian conditions of atmosphere are necessary to the success of the trick. The spectators face the setting sun and are sheltered from it by an awning. The rope used is evidently a jointed bambou with the joints made to lock. Up this "rope" or "pole" a boy climbs to a height of about 30 feet or so, till out of sight of the people. Then he "disappears" as though into space.

What really happens, Mr. Maskelyne explains, is that the spectators are blinded by the setting sun and that the boy climbs up the pole or rope and then drops quickly to the ground. Before the astonished onlookers know anything about it he is covered up with a sheet.

This is the most ingenious attempt at an explanation of the trick yet made, but it will not appear conclusive to all who have witnessed the performance. The trick has been witnessed at Khandalla—a hill station near Bombay—and again at Delhi at mid-day, without any awning being used or any effects but the rope.

## HORSE FROM BROOM HANDLE

Simple Toy Is Quite Easily Made and Gives Wonderful Satisfaction to Little People.

This is a simple toy easily made which gives wonderful satisfaction to all little folk. Get a broom handle and cut it to the proper length, then procure an old sock either black or brown; cut a slit in the top two or three inches long for the mouth of the horse. Line the sock with cardboard; make holes above the mouth for nostrils, which should be lined with a piece of red flannel, and add



Toy Horse.

a small portion to serve as the tongue, which should slightly protrude. Stuff the head with rags or any similar material, and tie it on to the top of the broomstick. Fix two ears, which should be made stiff with card; add the eyes, which may be two buttons sewn on in the proper position; adjust the bridle and ornament where necessary. When finished it will appear as in the illustration.

### Solving a Problem.

Mary and John were both desirous of playing with the doll's house, and neither would give way to the other. "You must both play with it," said the mother. "All right," said John, and led the way to the house smilingly. "Now, Mary," he said, "you be the maid, and it's your day out."

### Strong.

"Father," said little Herbert, "why doesn't mother travel with the circus?" "What could she do in a circus?" "She might be the strong woman. I heard her tellin' grandma this morning that she could wind you around her little finger."—Judge.

### During the Crowded Season.

Mrs. Gotham—Why, Tommie, how dirty your face is! Where have you been?  
Tommie Gotham—Oh, I've been swimming down at the public bath, mamma!

### A Legion of Honors.

"Oh, papa, is it true that you have just been awarded the Legion of Honor?" "Yes; why?" "How lovely! Then there will be soldiers at your funeral."—Pele Mele.

### Its Term.

"Pop, is an oys anything sleepy?" "Of course not, child. What put that into your head?" "Well, it's always yawning."

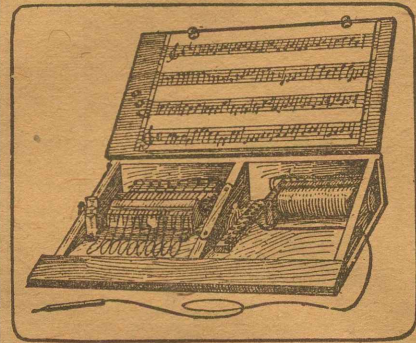
## MUSIC READING MADE EASY

Children Find It an Attractive Task to Learn Their Notes by Use of Electrical Device.

By using the electric music teacher, children will find that it is an attractive task to learn their notes, instead of a dry lesson as heretofore, so that they will begin to take an interest in music at once, and not consider it a drudgery, says the Popular Electricity.

M. Pierre Gellis, a Paris inventor, makes the device which we illustrate here. It is based on the principle of using an electric contact plate under the music paper. By pricking each note with a sharp metal point, we make contact for an electric device carrying a hammer, so that the hammer strikes a string or preferably a metal piece to give out the sound. Thus each note or line or space gives out its corresponding sound, and it is an easy matter to read a simple piece of music in this way.

The device is quite an elaborate one for it is required to take care of the sharps and flats which figure per-



Electric Music Teacher.

manently as the sign of the staff. But this is easily done by using a revolving contact device to shift over the several required notes at the start. To bring back to natural during the piece, we press on a button which restores the note for the moment.

Even professional musicians will find it useful for transposing a piece into another key and this is done by observing the movement of the hammers and also a transposing chart which lies before them.

## SWAP CHILDREN IN DENMARK

Curious System of Exchanging Little Folk During Summer Months—Scheme Works Well.

In Denmark there is a curious system of exchanging children during the summer. The country people send their little ones to the city people, and the latter send theirs to the country. The state delivers free tickets, and the schools send the children according to the applications from families.

The children travel alone, each one wearing a ticket of identification pinned on the jacket or bodice. Should any of them go astray they are lodged at the first station whilst inquiries are made. The young travelers are met at their destination by the peasants and their wives.

Treated with affectionate care by these good hearted people, the children often enjoy privileges they have never known at home. There is no severe discipline nor irksome restraint. They return home full of tales about their adventures, and their mothers are delighted to find them looking rosy cheeked, fat, and healthy. The peasant women feed them well and often make them fresh clothing.

The latter send their children into the towns and volunteer guides show them the monuments and sights. Last year the principal restaurant keepers at Copenhagen gave them a series of feasts and organized little dancing parties for their amusement. Both categories of children benefit by this mode of exchange, which, it may be noted, is conducted on inexpensive lines.

## RIDDLES.

What is the difference between a tunnel and an ear trumpet?

One is hollowed out and the other in hollowed in.

Why didn't the last dove return to the ark?

Because she had sufficient ground for remaining.

When is an author like a spirit?

When he's at proof.

Why are authors who treat of physiognomy like soldiers?

Because they write about face.

What is the difference between the czar and a beggar?

One issues manifestoes; the other manifests toes without 'is shoes.

Why is a child with a cold in its head like a winter night?

Because it blows, it snows (its nose).

What's the most difficult thing to be cooked for a Christmas dinner?

A tailor's goose.

Why are poets like children's toys?

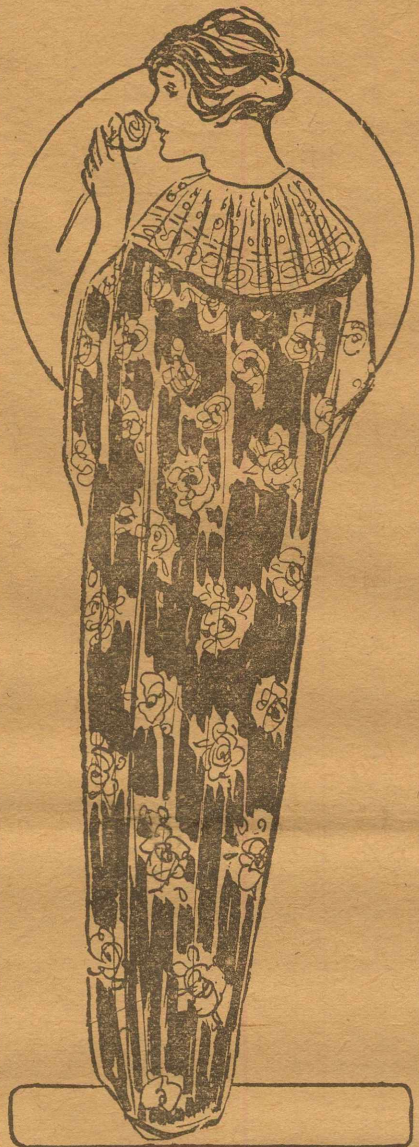
Because they are given to a muse and indulge in fancy (infancy).

## NEWEST KI'MONO IDEAS

GIVE TO COMFORTABLE GARMENT GREATER SHAPELINESS.

Made Up in Practically All-Summer Materials—Floral Patterns in Delicate Colors Are the Most Popular Just Now.

So daintily fashioned are the season's matinees and lounging robes, whether costly or inexpensive, that a woman wearing either a "wrapper" or "confection" may easily look her best. Among the less expensive negligee robes the kimono probably ranks first by force of numbers. It is a modified kimono, however, retaining the loose lines and the picturesque sleeves, but fastening across the front with knots of ribbon, or buttons and loops, and falling straight in a manner more snug and trim than did the old style, worn without the sash, which gives to the Japanese garment a greater shapeliness. The kimono is to be found in all materials from lawn to silk. Most of the flowered designs in dimity, lawn and china silk make up beautifully. Some attractive



Floral Patterned Satin, Shallow Lace Collar.

kimonos are also made from a new flowered crepe, with trimmings of plain silk that harmonize with the predominating color note of the flowered material.

Slightly heavier robes are made

more or less upon the same lines, out of albatross, challie or French flannel.

The inexpensive negligee gown for hot weather is of sheer stuffs and is usually white, or shows a floral pattern in delicate colors on a white ground. For these models, aside from the kimono, variations of the empire effect are, perhaps, most in evidence, wide liberty satin ribbons, run through wide embroidery beading, serving as a girdle and giving to the model more trimness than is common to robes which fall loose from the shoulders. The flowered muslin, save for frills of Valenciennes lace to soften the edges, but the white negligees are often elaborate in design, inset with lace or embroidery, lavishly tucked, and frequently hand-embroidered. The very fine and elaborate models of this sort are usually worn over a soft slip or lining, but this is not always the case.

A robe, of which the back view is given, is made of flowered satin. The lines are much like those of a roomy, wide-sleeved evening wrap. There is a large cape collar of creamy shadow-lace.

Another negligee is of pink crepe de chine with drapery of chiffon. This model is made with short-waisted bodice, outlined at the waistline and sleeves by a line of small pink chiffon roses and green leaves. The over-drapery of chiffon falls down the back about three-quarters the length of the skirt, and is gathered into a band of lace. Lace forms the oversleeves and is draped in surplice style across the front of the bodice.

## VARIETY OF COLLARS NEEDED

Well to Embroider a Number, So They May Be Worn With Frocks of Different Types.

The collars and fichus of darned net are very attractive, so why not make one for your coat or blouse? At present collars seem to be one of the most important items of one's wardrobe, so the embroiderer should make a variety to wear with frocks of all types.

To make a collar of darned net take a quantity of plain or filet net and, using a successful pattern, cut out the net, allowing enough to turn in at the edges. Edge the collar with a narrow edging of valenciennes or filet lace, whipstitching it neatly to the net, and bind the neck line with a bias strip of lawn. The collar is now ready for darning.

If you choose colored wools for this, mark out your design and darn in and out the meshes of the net until the required design is formed. Flower designs are also effective and can be done with white or colored thread. The Bulgarian designs are especially effective and are much favored at present. Select wools or mercerized cottons in tones of red, blue, yellow, green and black to darn the design.

When working on net it is necessary to hold the material firmly, but care must be taken not to stretch it. Use an embroidery frame if you desire the work to be done most successfully.

The collars of cream net embroidered with cream mercerized cotton and edged with a narrow pleating of lace are very pretty and are much worn with white blouses or frocks.

Darning on net makes pleasant work for warm weather, so plan your collars immediately.

## ALWAYS USEFUL WHITE SKIRT

May Be Worn With Blouse of Any Color, and Provides Decidedly Attractive Changes.

The separate skirt is established. Last winter cabled despatches said that Parisians were wearing coats of one color, skirts of another. A little later the parti-colored coat suit was seen on this side of the Atlantic. Then came serge suits for spring and early summer with coats of blue and skirts of blue and white or coats of blue and colored skirts. Now that the time for linen, crash and cotton suits of many kinds has come the combination of two colors in these materials is a usual thing.

The woman who has a cotton suit of any sort or color should possess herself of several separate white skirts. They can be worn with white or light colored or figured mull or voile blouses with the coat of the suit, and so provide many attractive changes. The coat of the two piece wash suit which is never worn so much as the skirt and does not need to be laundered so often will easily serve to wear with three or four skirts.

A pocket is a feature of many of the new skirts. Most of the pockets are fastened over one of the hip seams, but this placing is rather awkward. Some of them are fastened on one side of the front—a much more convenient position.

### New Coats.

In some of the newest bodices and coats the underarm seam no longer exists

## PRETTY HAT



A dust-colored straw hat is here trimmed with a swathing of cherry-colored velvet, and encircling the velvet is a wreath composed of small flowers and foliage.

### Flexible Bracelet.

A flexible bracelet watch of dainty workmanship is composed of sterling silver, decorated with French enamel in turquoise blue and white, and can be adjusted to fit the wearer's arm. These watches are chiefly to be recommended for their lightness, durability and general attractiveness.

### From an Old Raincoat.

An apron with a bib can be made for wash day, or when you give the baby a bath. A bathing cap, and bag to carry your bathing suit, and little utility cases dear to the suit case of travelers, may be made from a discarded raincoat.

Matrimonial bonds are taxable, but not negotiable.

It's easier to go broke in a month than it is to get rich in a year.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

You can believe every word an honest politician tells you—but first find your honest politician.

### FOR WEAKNESS AND LOSS OF APPE-

THE. The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S PASTELLESS CHILL TONIC drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50 cents

### In the Swim.

"This society life is really somewhat tiresome. Here I have been right in the midst of the big swells—" "Ah—been to Atlantic City?"

Student's Wondrous Reasoning. Teacher—What is the derivation of the word "lunatic?" Pupil—"Luna," the moon, and—er—er "attic," the upper story.

### Fair Division.

She was making the usual female search for her purse when the conductor came to collect the fares.

Her companion meditated silently for a moment then addressing the other, said:

"Let us divide this, Mabel; you fumble and I'll pay the bill."—Harper's Magazine.

### Divided His Time.

Ministerial duties and increasing dignity have not robbed a certain minister of his cherished boyhood accomplishment of making fritters. He frequently exercises this skill at breakfast time, much to the delight of the younger members of the family. Edith, the four-year-old daughter, recently took tea with a member of the congregation. After the silent grace the little one, looking at her unmarried hostess, remarked with pity:

"You don't have any one to pray for you, do you?"

Said one of the ladies present, smiling:

"I suppose your papa prays for you three times a day."

"Oh, no, he doesn't," was the innocent and earnest answer. "He fries in the morning and prays in the afternoon!"

### Bicycles Popular in France.

From statistics for 1912, prepared by the Cycle and Automobile Manufacturers' association of France, it is reported that there were at the close of that year 89,185 motor cars, 28,641 motorcycles and 2,989,985 bicycles in use in France. This represents, for the population of France, one automobile for every 500 inhabitants, one bicycle for every 10 and one motorcycle for every 1,382. Ten years ago there was one motorcycle for every 2,000 inhabitants and one bicycle for every 30 persons. The department of the Seine, in which Paris is situated, has 21,494 automobiles and 304,866 bicycles.

Between 1910 and 1911 there was the enormous increase of 300,000 bicycles. In 1899 there were in France only 1,762 automobiles, whereas in 1912 the figure rose to 89,185. It is estimated that from 1,800 to 2,000 foreign-made cars are sold in France every year. The French manufacturers build the remainder sold in France, estimated by the association as being 12,000 to 15,000 last year.

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Post Toasties are sold by Grocers everywhere.

## AFTON COUNTRY UNXCELLED IN FRUIT GROWING

M. L. Blakeley, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Blakeley brought in a load of grapes grown on his farm and sold them in Spur for four cents a pound. He said he had gathered about five hundred pounds from a row of vines six feet apart and about one hundred yards long. He has about two acres in his orchard, and in the orchard this year he says he has as fine apples growing as can be seen in any country. Mr. Blakeley has been farming and fruit growing in this section a number of years and has demonstrated that the sandy soils of the Afton country will produce as fine fruit as any country. However, by experience he has learned that more success can be had in growing fruits adapted to this soil and western climate. For instance, he has tried the Ben Davis apple from Arkansas without success, and in other sections of the country this apple is considered the best. There is not now and never has been a doubt in our mind but that Dickens county and the Spur country will become one of the most successful and noted sections in fruit and agricultural production through intelligent effort.

The murder of a young lady last week in Dallas is one of the most atrocious crimes in the history of that city. The murderer has baffled all efforts on the part of officers and local detectives to discover a single clew to his identity, and it is probable that the famous criminal detective, Burns, will be employed to assist in the work on the case.

R. C. Forbis, a prominent citizen and ranchman of north of Afton, was in Spur Monday and said that grass in his section is short and that if rain did not come at an early date crops would also be short.

Dr. Grace returned Monday from a professional trip to Jayton where he spent some time.

# AUGUST KILLER

**W**E have now come to the last long, hot summer month of 1913, and we want to make the best of it possible. To do so we want to ask you to make our store your headquarters and drink ice water with us. This is the last August we will have the pleasure of seeing in this great year 1913; therefore, you should have what you want to eat, and not wait until next month because cotton picking is getting near and things will look better. We want to ask you to prepare for these days by buying your groceries from us. They are first class and the price is right. Our candy stock is fresh and complete--just received two shipments. Good old time brown sugar--you know what it is. How are your chickens? We can use them if you can't--any and all kinds. Fresh vegetables and fruit when we can get them. Phone us your orders; both phones no. 24. Always quick service.

**Brannen Bros. Co.**

L. C. Arrington was in the city Tuesday and hauled out lumber and other building material with which to build a new house on his farm several miles southeast of Spur. Carpenter J. F. Goodwin went out to do the carpenter work and they expect to have the building complete by the end of this week. Mr. Arrington said that the crop conditions and prospects in that section at this time warranted the expenditure in improvements.

Oscar Jackson left this week for Roaring Springs where he will remain some time looking after an addition to Roaring Springs of which he has been manager since before the opening of that new town.

R. L. Roberts and family moved this week to Roaring Springs where they will make their home in the future. We wish them a pleasant and prosperous home in their new location.

R. L. Overstreet, one of the most prominent citizens and successful farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday. He says everything is in pretty good shape but that a rain would be appreciated.

The best car in the world for the money is the Ford. See J. L. Gilbert, sub-agent, at garage. 35tf

Wyatt Taylor, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business and visiting his son, Sanders Taylor and family.

When you come to town come to Harkey's Horse Hotel. Meals at all hours. 31tf

E. J. Cowan, who has been in Wichita Falls and other places during the past several months, returned this week to Spur and is again greeting his friends here. The Judge, having recently completed a law course in the State University, is now prospecting for a suitable location for the establishment of a law office. We would be glad to have Judge Cowan locate in Spur, but since we already have lawyers to abundantly care for the law cases we presume that the Judge will favor Wichita Falls in preference to Spur in establishing a law business. However, we wish him a deserved success wherever he may locate.

J. V. McCormick was here one day this week from Afton after supplies and gin equipments. He is owner and manager of the Afton gin and is now putting it in fine shape for the fall season and will be prepared to gin all the cotton of that territory. J. V. McCormick is not only an expert gin man but an allround good man and worthy of recognition in the citizenship of any community.

J. L. Suits, who has been one of the Crosbyton Review force during the past several months, passed through Spur Monday on his way to Roaring Springs where he is making preparations to establish a newspaper. The Texas Spur wishes Mr. Suits a successful business and may the publication live long and prosper.

W. H. Teague and family spent Friday night fishing at the Wilson tank.

## DOING EFFICIENT ROAD WORK IN DICKEN COUNTY

G. L. Barber, who is now superintending the road work of Dickens county, came in Saturday from his camp and spent Sunday with his family. Mr. Barber is an old time railroader, is familiar with road work and is putting the roads of Dickens in fine shape. Mr. Barber informed us that the County Commissioners have appropriated the county road funds to each Commissioner Precinct in accord with the taxable values and in this manner every portion of the county and every tax-payer is assured of deriving the benefits of the necessary road tax. The Texas Spur commends the County Commissioners, not only in apportioning the road funds in an equitable manner, but in employing an expert and practicable road builder to do the work on the roads. We believe such a method will not only save the county dollars but will give the people more roads and better roads at less expense.

We have opened a first-class garage in the building formerly occupied by the Spur Auto Supply Company. Leave your cars with us and buy your oil, gas and supplies from us. Bring us your repair work, we have a skilled mechanic in charge. — J. L. Gilbert. 35-tf.

Jeff D. Reagan and wife made a trip Monday to Dickens, Mr. Reagan to attend a meeting of the County School Board and Mrs. Reagan to visit friends.

John Jones was a business visitor to Spur Saturday from his farm home in the Tap country.

## Not Boasting

**W**E would rather boast than boast, any time. We don't claim to be the whole works in the banking business. All that we claim is that our stockholders and directors are plain business men just like the rest of you, men who realize their responsibilities and expect that every customer shall have a square deal. Further, we know that our bank is reliable, has abundant capital and surplus, and has an enviable reputation for fair dealing. If that's boasting, then we have boasted, that's all, but it's all true.

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## Murray Brothers...

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO **That Work** Why Not Now?

H. H. Hill was in Spur Saturday from his farm home eight miles west.

Dennis Harkey, of Dickens, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

## T. A. CORBETT

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Will Trade Piano for Well Located Lot In Spur

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### FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

At this time there are wars and rumors of war in all quarters of the world. Surely the prophets of old had wonderful foresights.

Spur has a broom factory in operation and the acreage devoted to peanut growing within the Spur trade territory warrants the establishment of a peanut factory. Spur should go out and get it.

It is now announced that the treasury department of the government will distribute funds to the banks for the specific purpose of assisting in handling the crops this fall. Is it possible that the powers that be are coming to a realization of the fact that the crop producers and not the speculators and interests are the main-stay in the life and prosperity even of the government?

The "back to the farm" idea sounds good for the other fellow, but the great majority will always have a hankering to live on the fruits of the real labor of others. There are men who prefer to live on half rations through out the year in hopes of making some deal whereby a few unearned dollars will come in rather than accept regular employment whereby a comfortable living and even luxuries could be earned and enjoyed. There is real compensation in labor—try it.

Again we are reminded of the tax equalization problem. If a merchant gives in his merchandise at the full amount carried in stock, the land owner gives in his land at five dollars an acre, or one fourth of its real value and less than the selling price, the stockman gives in his cattle at ten dollars when they are selling for forty dollars, and the equalization board lets the valuations stand as given to the assessor, we cannot hope to have equal taxation. It is a fact that we have property that cost nearly five hundred dollars less than its assessed value in the county, and on which we have been paying taxes at the assessed valuation, while others are paying taxes on property assessed at less than one half of its real value. If the equalization board continues to overlook the inequalities of valuations, so long will some one be burdened with taxes while other tax-payers get the advantage of unequal valuations. There is no question but that a state board, in conjunction with county and precinct boards, should be created and adopt a system of property valuation which would insure to all people in every county and community a similarity and more just equalization of real and personal property values. Without a generally adopted system inequalities in governmental tax problems will prevail.

The Balkans, the Venezuelans and the Mexicans are warring and the Americans are threatened. Verily, there are wars and rumors of wars.

A number of those who received postal cards from the equalization board requesting the presence of tax payers to show cause why property valuations should not be raised, desire to know what has happened to increase property values, and why taxes should be raised.

The recent episode in Oklahoma with respect to the granting of pardons to convicts, the dismissal of important pending suits and the signing of disputed five years contracts for state text books by the Lieutenant Governor during the temporary absence from the state of the Governor, is a thorough demonstration of a desire on the part of state officials and politicians to usurp power and exercise unmitigated gall.

For the benefit of those interested, and for the special benefit of the Crosbyton Review, we desire the information to go out that we of Spur are engaged in the manufacture of brooms and broom corn, and the acreage devoted to growing peanuts within the Spur territory encourages the building of a "peanut factory" for the manufacture of peanuts and peanut products. We are after a "peanut factory."

Promoting and advertising is the essential work of a commercial club and the accomplishments in such work depends more on the amount of funds at hand than on the labors of an employed secretary. A commercial club secretary furnished with funds can do effective work in advertising and promoting commercial advantages and resources, but if only sufficient funds be furnished to pay the salary of such an employee the organization becomes an expense to that extent rather than an asset to the commercial interests of the town. Every business man should contribute to the support of a commercial organization which promotes the community business interests of the home town, and the contributions should be sufficient to not only pay the salary of a secretary but to supply capital with which to consummate the real work of a commercial club.

Upon the settlement and development of the country and the prosperity of the farmers depends the very life and progress of the towns, and the supremacy of one town over another depends upon its adaptability to surroundings and supplying the needs and demands of the country and the people. The needs and demands of this western country is factories and mills to manufacture and finish the raw products of the country. The town recognizing such advantages will become a commercial and industrial factor. Post is assuming the lead in this western country in the establishment of a cotton factory, which is now in operation. The present conditions and development progress of this territory warrants Spur in establishing a peanut factory, a larger broom corn factory. Somewhere in this western country packeries will become a necessity. We are out after these things for Spur.

In its last issue the Texas Spur mentions the probable establishment of a "peanut factory" in that town. The Review lifts its bonnet and humbly asks: What is a peanut factory?—Crosbyton Review.

The Texas Spur is not responsible for the ignorance of the Review, and having an acquaintance with the Editor, we are inclined to the opinion that neither is he responsible for the lack of knowledge concerning industrial promotion as expressed in the above. However, since by virtue of location and surroundings in the Cap Rock section of the Plains where factories are yet unknown and possibly at this time unwarranted, the lack of information may be excusable on the part of the Review. Nevertheless we assure the Review that a "peanut factory" is no more a place where peanuts are made than is a cotton factory where cotton is made. The generally accepted meaning of a peanut factory in this section of the country where factories are needed and encouraged by varied and abundant products, briefly stated, is a house equipped with the necessary machinery with which to manufacture and finish for use the raw materials and products of the country. Therefore, in answer to the Review in its humble aspiration for knowledge concerning factories, we generously extend the information that a "peanut factory" is not a place where peanuts are created but an institution or establishment for the purpose of manufacturing the raw peanut and turning out a finished product for more acceptable use and consumption, and we assure the Review that any thanks for this information is unnecessary.

"There's lack of woman's nursing, there's a dearth of woman's tears." This rudely-scrawled information above the door of an old bachelor's dug-out near Dickens induced a committee of kind-hearted old ladies to investigate. They found that the occupant was a product of the piney woods of East Texas, and that he was suffering from nervous prostration, brought about by the shock of meeting a prairie dog in the road when he had not so much as a pocket knife with him.—Crosbyton Review.

The above quotation, more probably gleaned from the writings of an author of fiction in an early day, was possibly retained in the memory of the writer in his wanderings and here applied, not to convey actual conditions in Dickens county in this day and time, but more to expose the brightness and witticism of the writer in the commentary. The day of dug-outs and prairie dogs in Dickens county is long since passed. Such a condition as above inferred now exists only in the imagination of the writer, who is either unfamiliar with actual conditions or too dense to observe the progress of the surrounding country and desires to sling a little mud at Dickens county through a possible former product of the piney woods of East Texas. We doubt not that the writer is also familiar with the sensations of a piney woods-er and at this late date is awakening to the realization of a broader life by association with the highest type of intelligent, progressive citizenship now settling and developing Dickens county and creating an agricultural and industrial empire to be reckoned in state and national supremacy.

## THE PEACOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTROVERSY

To the average citizen of the Peacock community, it would appear that the Peacock Public School has the brightest future of any school in this section of the state. Peacock is a hustling town in a business way, but the patrons of the school are showing very little interest in the development of same. It is high time that you were waking up, Mr. Patron. Put your shoulder to the wheel of progress and push for the betterment of the school and its general interests.

It is lamentable to know that the board of trustees is not working in harmony for the upbuilding of the school, the source of contention being as to whether the principal should be elected for a term of one or two years. The board met some time ago and unanimously elected Mr. Trammell for one year. About ten days ago a meeting of the board was called for a stated purpose. Instead of the board disposing of the business for which the meeting was called, they elected Mr. Trammell "again" for two years, with members of the board absent who knew nothing of such intended action. Out of three two year trustees only one favored election for two years. This means that only one of the trustees elected by the people and favoring such election will serve during the whole time for which the principal is elected. The out come of the whole affair is that the board is divided and absolutely doing nothing.

Now every fair-minded man of this community knows that the people of this community have good common horse-sense enough to elect trustees next year, and for the years to come for that matter, who will to the best of their ability serve the best interests of the school just as much so as the ones who are serving the people now in that capacity. It is a slap in the face of every intelligent citizen for any set of men to take it for granted that the people don't know enough or won't know enough when the time rolls around to select their successors. We want it plainly understood right here that we are for Mr. Trammell; but Mr. Trammell and every other man that comes to our community to teach in our school should let each year stand out for itself, and then at the end of that time if the trustees elected by the people favor his re-election, then well and good. But for any set of men to take it for granted that nobody will have judgement enough to manage the affairs of the school after they have gone out of office is absurd and should be frowned down upon by all fair-minded men.

You only need to go to our neighbor town of Spur to find how this two year business works. The board there last year elected their teacher for two years. Everybody was satisfied. They thought perhaps as we do here that they had a teacher not to be excelled in the country any where, and that they would cinch him for two years. Now look at the result. The Spur school is almost ruined. The teacher failed to come up to the standard last year, because he had a cinch on the school this year. The trustees are trying to get relief for themselves and the people by getting another teacher. The teacher is

standing pat on his contract. The trustees don't want him; the people don't want him. But he has his contract stowed away just the same.

People, you have a six thousand dollar building over the hill. The door is standing wide open to the public. Whose business is it to see that these doors are kept securely locked so that loafers or tramps may not enter therein and burn this magnificent building to the ground? People, the windows of the school building are standing open and raised, ready for storms, wind etc. to come and do untold damage to your building. Whose business is it to look after this? People, the taxes for this year have not yet been assessed for the maintenance of your school another year. Whose business is it to look after this? People, there are a lot of taxes yet uncollected which were levied for the support of your school. Whose business is it to look after this? People, the old delapidated building stands near your newly erected one, an eye-sore to the public and a fine pile of junk with which to set on fire the new one, depreciating in value every day. Whose business is it to get an order of sale and turn this into money, thus lessening the burden of taxation on every tax payer of the district? Wake up, people! Look after your school, which is the foundation of progress in every community on the face of the earth. Think on these things.—Peacock Index.

The above article is reproduced because we endorse the sentiments with respect to school management, and also to correct the wrong impression concerning the Spur school and the Spur school superintendent. The Index, no doubt, has heard a garbled report of the actual situation and conditions pertaining to the Spur Independent School Board election held recently, and while the Texas Spur by referring to past differences in school matters does not desire to reopen any old wounds which may exist, yet, in justice to the Spur school and its superintendent, we consider it our duty to correct any wrong impression on the outside which has the tendency to hamper the progress of the school term beginning in September.

The fight in Spur school matters was confined wholly to the election of a new school board, and the differences were augmented in that the old school board failed to favorably consider a petition numerously signed and presented asking that rules be adopted to prohibit the teachers dancing and that such rules be enforced during the term of school for which such teachers are employed. While the out-going board did employ some of the teachers for the coming term on the heels of the election, yet it was done in a spirit of promoting the interests of the school, rather than in usurping the power and privileges of a new board. The new board would probably have elected the same teachers, since they are recognized as able and efficient educators, capable of establishing and maintaining a high school superior to many and second to none in all of this western country. The fight and the differences in the Spur school management were settled and subsided in the election of the school board membership. The school board is in perfect accord and the patrons are working in harmony to the end that the 1913-14 term of the Spur High School promises a more rapid and efficient advancement of pupils and offers to would-be patrons superior advantages and inducements in educational facilities.

# MOLLY McDONALD

## A TALE OF THE FRONTIER



By  
**RANDALL PARRISH**  
Author of "Keith of the  
Border," "My Lady of  
Doubt," "My Lady of the  
South," etc., etc.

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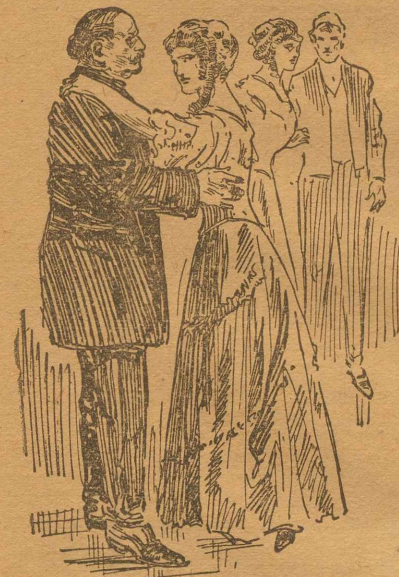
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### SYNOPSIS.

Major McDonald, commanding an army post near Fort Dodge, seeks a man to intercept his daughter, Molly, who is headed for the post. An Indian outbreak is threatened. "Brick" Hamlin, sergeant who has just arrived with messages to McDonald, volunteers for the mission. Molly arrives at Fort Ripley two days ahead of schedule. She decides to push on to Fort Dodge by stage in company with "Stutter Bill" Moylan, Gonzales, a gambler, is also a passenger. Hamlin meets the stage with stories of depredations committed by the Indians. The driver deserts the stage when Indians appear. The Indians are twice repulsed. Hamlin and Molly escape in the darkness. Molly is wounded. Hamlin is much excited at finding a haversack marked C. S. A. He explains to Molly that he was in the Confederate service and dismissed in disgrace under charges of cowardice. At the close of the war he enlisted in the regular service. He says the haversack was the property of one Capt. LeFevre, who he suspects of being responsible for his disgrace. Troops appear and under escort of Lieut. Gaskins Molly starts to join her father. Hamlin leaves to rejoin his regiment. He returns to Fort Dodge after a summer of fighting Indians, and finds Molly there. Shots are heard in the night. Hamlin rushes out, sees what he believes is the figure of Molly hiding in the darkness and falls over the body of Lieutenant Gaskins, who accuses Hamlin of shooting him. The sergeant is proven innocent. He sees Molly in company with Mrs. Dupont, whom he recognizes as a former sweetheart, who threw him over for LeFevre. Mrs. Dupont tells Hamlin LeFevre forced her to send him a lying note. Hamlin declares he has been looking for LeFevre to force him to clear his record.

### CHAPTER XVIII.—Continued.

Left alone, except for the infantry man at the other side of the entrance, and with nothing to do beyond keeping back the little crowd of curious watchers thronging the steps, Hamlin interested himself in the assembly, although keenly conscious of those two men who continued to linger, staring into the brilliantly lighted room. That the two were closely involved with Mrs. Dupont in some money-making scheme, closely verging on crime, was already sufficiently clear to the Sergeant's mind. He had overheard enough to grasp this fact, yet the full nature of the scheme was not apparent. Without doubt it involved Gaskins as a victim; possibly Barrett also, but Hamlin was not inclined to interfere personally for the protection of either of these officers. They could look after themselves, and, if they succumbed to the charms of the lady, and it cost something, why, that was none of his affair. But somehow the suspicion had come to him that he had accidentally stumbled upon a more complicated plot than mere blackmail. Mrs. Dupont's intimacy with Molly, and the use she was making of her distant relationship with the Major to further her ends, made him eager to delve deeper into her real purpose. At least these two, apparently ignorant of their guest's true character,



The Hand Resting on the Major's Shoulder.

should be warned, or, if that was impossible, protected from imposture. Their open friendliness and social endorsement were the woman's stock in trade at Dodge, and whatever the final denouement might be, McDonald and his daughter would inevitably share in the ensuing disgrace of discovery. Even if they were not also victimized, they would be held largely responsible for the losses of others. Had Hamlin been a commissioned officer he would have known what to do—his plain duty as a friend would have taken form in a frankly spoken warning. But, as it was, the chains of discipline, of social rank, made it seemingly impossible for him to approach either the Major or his daughter openly. He did not actually know enough to venture such an interview, and mere suspicion, even

though coupled with his former intimacy with the woman, was not sufficient excuse for his interference. The Major would treat the revelation with indifference, even disbelief, and Miss Molly might even resent his meddling in the affair. Besides he was not altogether convinced that the girl had not been actually present at, and in some manner connected with, the attack on Gaskins. The memory of that face, shrinking behind the corner of the barrack wall, remained clear in his mind. He might be mistaken, but perhaps it would be best to go slow.

It was a huge, bare hall, although the walls were concealed by flags, while other draperies were festooned along the rafters. The band was stationed upon a raised platform at the rear, and a hundred couples occupied the floor. The men present were largely officers attired in dress-uniforms, although there was a considerable sprinkling of civilians, a few conspicuous in garments of the latest cut and style. Evidently invitations had been widely spread, and, considering time and place, liberally responded to. Among the women present the Sergeant saw very few he recognized, yet it was comparatively easy to classify the majority—officers' wives; the frontier helpmates of the more prominent merchants of the town; women from the surrounding ranches, who had deserted their homes until the Indian scare ceased; a scattered few from pretentious small cities to the eastward, and, here and there, younger faces, representing ranchmen's daughters, with a school-teacher or two. Altogether they made rather a brave show, occasionally exhibiting toilets worthy of admiring glances, never lacking ardent partners, and entering with unalloyed enthusiasm into the evening's pleasure. The big room presented a scene of brilliant color, of ceaselessly moving figures; the air was resonant with laughter and trembling to the dashing strains of the band. Primitive as it was in many respects, to Hamlin, long isolated in small frontier posts, the scene was strangely attractive, his imagination responding to the glow of color, the merry chime of voices, the tripping of feet. The smiling faces flashed past, his ears caught whispered words, his eyes followed the flying figures. For the moment the man forgot himself in this new environment of thoughtless pleasure.

From among that merry throng of strangers his eyes soon distinguished that one in whom he felt special interest—Mrs. Dupont, dancing now with McDonald, the rather corpulent Major exhibiting almost youthful agility under the inspiration of the music. The lady talked with animation, as they circled among the others on the floor, her red lips close to her partner's ear, but Hamlin, suspicious and watchful, noted that her eyes were busy elsewhere, scanning the faces. They swept over him, apparently unseeing, but as the two circled swiftly by, the hand resting lightly on the Major's shoulder was uplifted suddenly in a peculiar, suggestive movement. He stared after them until they were lost in the crowd, feeling confident that the motion of those white-gloved fingers was meant as a signal of warning. To whom was it conveyed? He glanced aside at the jam of figures in the doorway. Both the black-whiskered man and Connors had disappeared. It was a signal then, instantly understood and obeyed.

The Sergeant had scarcely grasped this fact when his attention was diverted by the appearance of Miss McDonald. She was dancing with a civilian, an immaculately dressed individual with ruddy, boyish face. His intense admiration of his partner was plainly evident, and the girl, simply dressed in white, her cheeks flushed, her dark eyes bright with enjoyment, set Hamlin's cool nerves throbbing. He could not resist gazing at her, and, as their eyes met, she bowed, the full red lips parting in a smile of recognition. There was no reservation, no restraint in that quick greeting, as she whirled by; he could not fall to comprehend its full significance—she had not forgotten, had no desire to forget. What he imagined he read in her face swept all else from his mind instantly, and, with eager eyes, he followed her slight, girlish figure as they circled the hall. The music ceased, and he still watched as the lad led her to a seat, himself sinking into a chair beside her. Then the passing out of several men, who desired return checks, claimed his attention.

When the last of these had disappeared, he glanced again in her direction. She was alone, and her young partner was walking toward him across the deserted floor. The lad came to the door, which by now contained few loiterers, and stood there a moment gazing out into the street. "Are you Sergeant Hamlin?" he asked quietly.

"Yes."

"Miss McDonald requested me to hand you this note unobserved. I have no knowledge of its contents." Hamlin felt the flutter of the paper in his palm, and stood silent, clinging to it, as the other carelessly recessed the room. She was looking toward him, but he made no motion to unfold the missive, until his eyes, searching the chairs, had located Mrs. Dupont. The very secret of delivery made him cautious, made him suspect it had to do with that woman. She was beside the band-stand, still conversing with the Major, apparently oblivious to any other presence, her face turned aside. Assured of this, he opened the paper, and glanced at the few hastily scribbled lines.

"I trust you, and you must believe I do not do this without cause. During the intermission be in the hotel parlor."

### CHAPTER XIX.

#### A Full Confession.

There were two more dances scheduled on the program. The last of these had begun before the infantry sergeant returned, and, apologizing for his long absence, resumed his duties at the door. Across the room, Hamlin's eyes met those of Miss McDonald, where she danced with an unknown officer; then he turned and elbowed his way to the street. The hotel opposite was all bustle and confusion, the bar-room crowded with the thirsty emergency waiters who had rushed about the hall completing final preparations. The Sergeant, intent on his purpose, and aware that the band had ceased playing, dodged past these and entered the parlor. It was already occupied by four men, who were playing cards at a small, round table and smoking vigorously, entirely engrossed in their game. None of them so much as glanced up, and the intruder hesitated an instant, quickly determining his course of action. There was little choice left. The girl would never make an appointment with him except through necessity, and it was manifestly his duty to protect her from observation. Two of the men sitting there were strangers; the others he knew merely by sight, a tin-horn gambler called Charlie, and a sutler's clerk. His decision was swift, and characteristic.

"Gents," he said, stepping up, and tapping the table sharply, "you'll have to vamoose from here."

"What the hell—" the gambler looked up into the gray eyes, and stopped.

"That's all right, Charlie," went on Hamlin coolly, one hand at his belt. "Those are my orders, and they go. Hire a room upstairs if you want to keep on with the game. Pick up the stuff, you fellows."

"But see here," the speaker was upon his feet protesting. "The old man told us we could come in here."

"The old man's word don't go for this floor tonight, partner. It's rented by the post officers. Now mosey right along, and don't come back unless you are looking for trouble—you too, Fatty."

Right or wrong there was plainly no use continuing the argument, for Hamlin's fingers were upon the butt of his revolver, and his eyes hardened at the delay. The gambler's inclination was to oppose this summary dismissal, but a glance at his crowd convinced him he would have to play the hand alone, so he yielded reluctantly, swept the chips into the side pocket of his coat and departed, leaving behind him a trail of profanity. The Sergeant smiled, but remained motionless until they disappeared.

"The bluff works," he thought serenely, "unless they make a kick at the office; some peevish, Charlie was."

He stepped over to the window, and held back the curtain. A burly figure occupied the bench, with feet upon the rail. Even in that outside dimness could be distinguished a black beard. The very man, and the Sergeant chuckled grimly with a swiftly born hope that the fellow might create a row. Nothing at that moment could have pleased him more. He blew out the parlor light, partially closed the door, and stepped forth on to the porch.

"Say, you," he said gruffly, dropping one hand heavily on the other's shoulder. "Did you hear what I said to those fellows inside? Well, it goes out here the same. Pack up, and clear the deck."

"Reb" dropped his feet to the floor and stood up, his bearded lips growling profanely, but Hamlin gripped his wrist, and the man stopped, with mouth still open, staring into the Sergeant's face. All bravado seemed to desert him instantly.

"Who—who says so?" and he stepped back farther into the shadow. "I do, if you need to know," pleas-

antly enough. "Sergeant Hamlin, Seventh Cavalry."

"Oh!" the exclamation came from between clenched teeth. "Hell, man, you startled me."

"So I see; nervous disposition, I reckon. Well, are you going quietly, or shall I hoist you over the rail?"

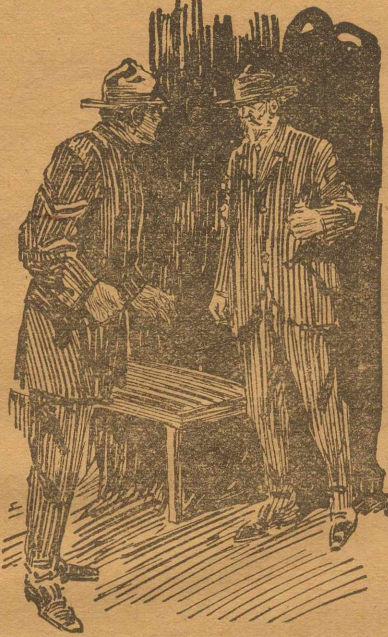
"I had an appointment here."

"Can't help that, partner. This porch is going to be vacant inside of one minute, or there is a declaration of war. Your easiest way out is through that window, but you can go by rail if you prefer."

The black beard wasted half his allowed time in an effort to bluster; then, to Hamlin's utter disgust, sunk through the open window and across the darkened parlor.

"The pusillanimous cuss," the latter muttered, "he's worse than a cur dog. Blamed if he wasn't actually afraid of me. A gun-fighter—pugh!" He lifted his voice, as "Reb" paused in the light of the hall beyond and glanced back, a fist doubled and uplifted. "Oh, go on! Sure, you'll get me? You are the brave boy, now," and Hamlin strode toward the door threateningly. "Lope along, son, and don't turn around again until you face the bar."

He drew the door partially to again, and sat down facing the opening, where a stray beam of light fell across the floor. Thus far the adven-



"This Porch is Going to Be Vacated Inside of One Minute."

ture had scarcely proven interesting. The last encounter had been a distinct disappointment. The dispersal of the card-players was, as anticipated, easily managed, but the reputation of "Reb" as killer and bad man had given him hope of resistance. But instead he had proven a perfect lamb. Hamlin crossed his legs and waited, his mind divided in wonder between what Miss McDonald might want, and the cowardice of the fellow just driven out. The man was actually afraid—afraid to start a row. Yet he had got to his feet with that intention; it was only after he had looked into Hamlin's face and asked his name, that he began to hedge and draw back. Could he have recognized him? Could Mrs. Dupont have warned him of danger in his direction? That would seem impossible, for the woman had not been with him for even a minute since their conversation. She had given him a swift signal at the door of the dance hall, but that could scarcely account for his present desire to avoid trouble. An engagement? Probably with Mrs. Dupont. But what was the use of speculating? Perhaps when the girl came she would have some light to throw on these matters. Surely her sudden determination to see him privately must have connection with this affair.

These thoughts came swiftly, for his period of waiting proved to be but a short one. He heard the laughter and talk as the merry-makers came into the hotel from the dance hall, crowding the passage, and thronging in to where the tables were set. Then a rattle of dishes, and the steady shuffling of waiters rushing back and forth. Occasionally he could distinguish a shadow out in the hall, but never changed his motionless posture, or removed his eyes from the aperture, until she slipped noiselessly through and stood there panting slightly, her hand clasping the knob of the door. Apparently in the semi-darkness of the room she was uncertain of his presence, while her white dress touched by the outside reflection made her clearly visible.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

#### Unwarranted Criticisms.

Major Hubert J. Cashalton, who has been ten days in New York, and therefore has a right to speak as one with authority on phases of life in the metropolis, admits that he has seen there more beautiful young women from eighteen to twenty-five years old than in any other city. "After that the women appear to incline toward plumpness and lose their symmetrical lines, which is a pity. The Indian army, and the Oriental like their women with curves rather than with lines."

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#### Naturally So.

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#### What He Meant.

"That man looks as if he had lost something."  
"Yes; he has lost his wife."  
"I mean something valuable."

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"Y-yes, sir. That is, if you can afford it."—Boston Evening Transcript.

#### Their Goal.

"They want to sue this aviator."  
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#### Explained.

"The maid said you were out, yet I saw you at an upstairs window."  
"She meant I was out of sorts."

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"Is that so? Well, he's evidently been on the way a long time."

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# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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**I**N Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

O. O. Love, a prominent citizen and business man of Roaring Springs, was in Spur the first of the week on business.

A. Stifter, of Dickens, came down Friday and spent some time in Spur in the interest of his piano business.

T. L. Cowsert, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday and purchased supplies of the merchants.

Sebe Lambert was in the city last week and reported everything in fine shape in the Tap country.

E. W. Rogers came in Saturday and spent several hours in the city trading and on other business.

Tol Merriman was among the many citizens who visited Spur Saturday from the surrounding country.

Judge O. S. Ferguson was here Saturday from Dickens and was in the city several hours.

Mrs. Sam Clemmons, who has been visiting at the McNeill Ranch, returned last week to her home in Spur.

W. J. Pass, a prominent citizen of Bell county, was in Spur last week and spent several days here on business.

J. R. Walker left last week for Galveston where he will spend some time recuperating.

H. E. Grabener, of a few miles east of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in Spur Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch.

Jeff D. Harkey, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday.

Mace Hunter was in Spur Saturday from his farm home four miles east.

Jeff Pirkle, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Saturday.

W. H. Morris and wife were in Spur Saturday on their return to their home in Jayton from Ralls where they have been spending the past several weeks. Mr. Morris is publisher of the Jayton Herald and Ralls Banner, and through these two publications is contributing much in the development of this section of West Texas.

Jim Thompson, formerly of the Crosbyton Review force, passed through Spur Saturday on his way to Peacock where he assumed an heir of proprietorship in the publication of the Peacock Index. Here's to your success, Thompson, and may the grapes not become sour.

J. E. Sparks and wife, of the Tap country, were in Spur Saturday to meet Mrs. Sparks' mother, Mrs. W. C. Pirkle, of Cleburne, who arrived for a visit of several days.

R. L. Jones was in the city Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country and reports crop conditions and prospects to be as good as could be wished for.

Miss Nell Mahon returned last week from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Honey Grove and other East Texas points.

J. Carlisle, one of the most prominent citizens of the Gilpin country, was among the many business visitors to Spur Saturday.

J. H. Boothe was in the city Saturday with watermelons and other produce which he readily sold on the Spur market.

Mrs. J. A. Moore and children, of Electra, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bruce.

Attorney W. D. Wilson and wife returned Friday from Aspermont where he acted as a special judge in the trial of a number of cases last week in the Stonewall County Court.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business. Mr. Hagins reports the Gilpin country in good shape.

J. L. Karr was in the city the latter part of last week from his farm home at Espeula and spent some time here on business and greeting his friends.

J. J. Rogers, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur last week on business and spent some time here.

Durham Thomas was in the city Saturday from his farm on the Duck Creek and purchased supplies of the merchants.

Mrs. Z. V. Smith and children left last week for a several days visit to her father, J. Carlisle, of Gilpin.

H. C. Allen was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Allen had just returned from a trip to New Mexico where his son, Tom Allen, and wife have recently moved. Tom has a position on a ranch in that country.

J. Anderson Davis, a prominent citizen of several miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here trading and on other business.

G. L. Gaddis was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm home in the Red Mud country and reported everything in fine shape in his section of the country.

Sheriff J. B. Conner was here Saturday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur on business.

Chas. A. Jones is in Freeport this week in the interest of the Swenson properties in that section.

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SPUR, TEXAS



## REDUCING LIVING COST

### SOME USES FOR BY-PRODUCTS OF THE MEAT MARKET.

**Delicious Entrees May Be Made From Many of the Cheaper Portions of Butchered Animals—None Difficult to Prepare.**

With the price of meat soaring higher and higher, it might be well for the housewife to look into the possibilities of the many savory dishes that can be cheaply prepared for which could perhaps be called the by-products of the meat market—all the appetizing entrees, for instance, that can be made of brains, tripe, chicken giblets, kidneys, sweetbreads, calf's head heart, or even the humble pig's foot. The queer part of it is that although these are favorite orders at restaurants and hotels and are none of them difficult to prepare, they are but seldom seen on the home table. When their advantages are presented, the usual defense of the serious-minded housewife is that they are neglected because of their lack of nutrition. I cannot for a moment be claimed that any of these dishes equals a roast of beef or a juicy chop in this respect but does not this very lack of a heat-producing quality put them at one in the class of ideal summer foods?

**Brains**—Select either calf's or sheep's brains, beef brains are usually too coarse and stringy. Blanch them by washing in several waters and then bring to a boil in salted water to which a dash of vinegar has been added. Remove every particle of membrane and drain on a clean cloth. Scrambling with eggs is the simplest way of cooking them and also about the best. Serve on toast and garnish with parsley or oress.

**Tripe**—This is one of the most easily digested of foods, probably because it contains so much pepsin.

Select a honey-combed piece, cut it three-inch squares and soak in cold water for a couple of hours. There are many ways of preparing it, but only the best recipe can be given here. Dip pieces in a fritter batter made of one egg to a scant cup of flour, a pinch of salt and a cup of milk, and fry in hot oil or dripping until golden brown.

#### Stuffed Biscuits.

Into one pound of flour put a cent's worth of yeast, one egg, one table-spoonful of butter or lard, one scant pint of lukewarm milk, one level tea-spoonful of salt. Mix thoroughly with a wooden spoon, working the dough until smooth. Set in a warm place to raise and cover it. When raised place on a floured kneading board. Roll out to about half inch in thickness, cut in a circular shape and place on greased dripping pans without touching. Rub over with melted lard or butter. Take out the pits from a dozen prunes, chop and put a little of the jam in the center of each biscuit. Let rise again and bake to a light brown. To prepare the yeast scramble it into a cup with a table-spoonful of sugar and one-quarter of a cupful of warm milk.

#### Vegetable Cutlets.

Boil six large potatoes, mash them, add butter, seasoning and enough hot milk to moisten. Chop fine three put-on onions, fry in butter to light brown. Wash, peel and scrape and boil separately twelve small carrots and four small white turnips. Chop and add with the onions to the potato. Season to taste, add a little minced parsley and cool. Mold into small cutlets, dip in beaten egg, then powdered cracker crumbs. Fry to a golden brown in boiling fat.

#### Material for Curtains.

Dainty flowered cotton crepes, plain and crinkled crepes in lovely shades, mercerized cotton in new shades of apricot, mulberry, peach bloom yellow, Nell rose and wistaria, which hangs like soft sheer silk, make lovely summer curtains. Marquisettes, muslins and organdies are full of possibilities, and soft gingham are pretty for a simple room.

#### Oven Roasts.

In order to have a juicy tender roast of meat, it should be browned first either in a hot skillet or in an oven which is hot. After it is well browned, cook for the remaining time in a slow oven. In this way the juices are kept in the roast and at the same time the meat is made tender.

#### Cherry Jam.

Steam, wash and pit the cherries and heat slightly to extract the juice. To each pound of fruit add three-quarters pound of sugar. Bring slowly to a boil and simmer for twenty minutes. Skim, put into jam pots, and at the end of 24 hours cover and put away.

#### Cooking Cabbage.

When cooking sauerkraut or cabbage, to prevent the smell going over the house, it is very good to place a small vessel of vinegar on the back of the stove.

## Constipation Vanishes

**Discovery from World's Great Health Resort that Doctors Prescribe as Best on Earth for Torpid Livers.**

In Hot Springs, Arkansas, the great remedy for Constipation, Sluggish liver and all stomach and bowel troubles is **HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUT-TONS.**

Every visitor to Hot Springs has heard of these little wonder workers because learned physicians there prescribe them and everybody takes them when a laxative is required.

They are the really perfect, gentle, safe, sure, liver and bowel regulator. Take one to-night—cut out Calomel and harsh cathartics.

All druggists at 25 cents. For free sample write Hot Springs Chemical Co., Hot Springs, Ark.

## HAD TO BACK UP THE BOSS

**And Really, When You Come to Think of It, Rastus May Have Been Telling the Truth.**

They were talking about being placed in difficult positions the other afternoon, when Congressman Frank Guernsey of Maine told of the unenviable experience of a party named Rastus. Rastus and the man he worked for were in the corner grocery store one night, the congressman said, and the topic turned to deer shooting. The employer of Rastus declared he had shot a buck some time previously, the ball going through the left hind foot and landing in the head just below the ear. Naturally the crowd laughed derisively.

"You may laugh all you please," declared the man, holding his ground, "but I can prove it by Rastus, there, who was shooting with me! Rastus, didn't I hit that buck in the left hind foot and back of the ear at the same time?"

"Yo' shuah did, boss," answered Rastus, with no hesitation to speak of. "Yo' see it war dis way, gen'men; jes' as de boss go to shoot, de buck raise his hind foot to scratch his left ear, an' dat's how it happened."

#### Seven Champions.

The Seven Champions of Christendom usually are listed in this order: St. George of England, who was imprisoned seven years by the Almidor, the black king of Morocco; St. Denis of France, who lived seven years in the form of a holt; St. James of Spain, who was seven years dumb out of love for a fair Jewess; St. Anthony of Italy, enchanted—with other champions—into a deep sleep in the Black castle and released by St. George's three sons, who quenched the seven lamps by water from the enchanted fountain; St. Andrew of Scotland, who was guided through the Vale of Walking Spirits by the Walking Fire and delivered six women who had lived seven years under the form of milk-white swans; St. Patrick of Ireland, immured in a cell, where he scratched his grave with his own nails; St. David of Wales, who slept seven years in the enchanted garden of Ormandine, but was redeemed by St. George.

#### Unfortunates' Yearly Feast.

At Posdyke, a tiny village in England, there is held every year a most quaint dinner known as the Bede house feast. Some gentleman, many years back, left a sum of money with which a number of Bede houses were to be built, and once a year he directed that the occupants were to have a feast. Every year the six old ladies and the six old gentlemen meet the trustees and have dinner. Some of the trustees are county councilors and the like, but according to the terms of the will they have to serve the old people first and make them comfortable. The guests always sit in the same order as the number of their houses, and the menu must include a bowl of punch and a veal pie with lums in it.

#### Making Boiled Milk Palatable.

Everybody knows that boiled milk keeps much more satisfactorily in warm weather than raw milk—in fact, boiling milk is the one sure way of keeping it on a sultry day. But to many persons the taste of boiled milk is unpalatable, and to others even its odor is unpleasant.

To overcome these two faults, try boiling the milk in a tightly-closed double boiler. Do not remove the cover, but allow the milk to stay over the fire in the double boiler for ten minutes after the water has begun to boil. Then put the milk, still tightly covered, immediately on the ice and cool it quickly.

#### Modified Assent.

"Don't you consider my views on this question sound?"  
"Well—yes; mostly sound."

It sometimes happens that while a man is watching his enemies his fool friends get away with him.

## But Do They?

The reason why the educational authorities want teachers who are unmarried is because they are able to give all their time and thought to their chosen work.—Washington Post.

**To Get Rid of Mosquitoes**  
You can Sleep, Fish, Hunt or attend to any work without being worried by the biting or stinging of Mosquitoes, Sand-flies, Gnats or other insects by applying to the face, ears and hands, **DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL.** 25c.

#### Cause of It.

"Baseball disputes get well aired."  
"That's on account of the 'fans.'"  
After paying out \$15 for a wedding ring, many a man has been brought to realize that he was stung for at least \$14.77.

#### Provided.

"Do you believe children ought to be handled with gloves?"  
"Yes, if they're kid gloves."

Frequently you meet benedicks who look as though their wives had caught them robbing the ice chest.

Bunko experts say that black sheep are the hardest to fleece.

## BENEATH THIS MAN'S DIGNITY

**Was Willing to Do Much, but Drew the Line at Acting as Secretary to Barnyard Fowl.**

A farmer in one of the neighboring townships, who had gone into scientific poultry raising, hit upon the scheme of marking each egg with certain data in indelible ink. His idea was to find which variety of chickens laid best, and then, when the eggs were hatched, attach a tag to the chicken's legs. He soon found that his hired man was negligent about properly inscribing the eggs. One day not an egg was marked, and the farmer read him the riot act.

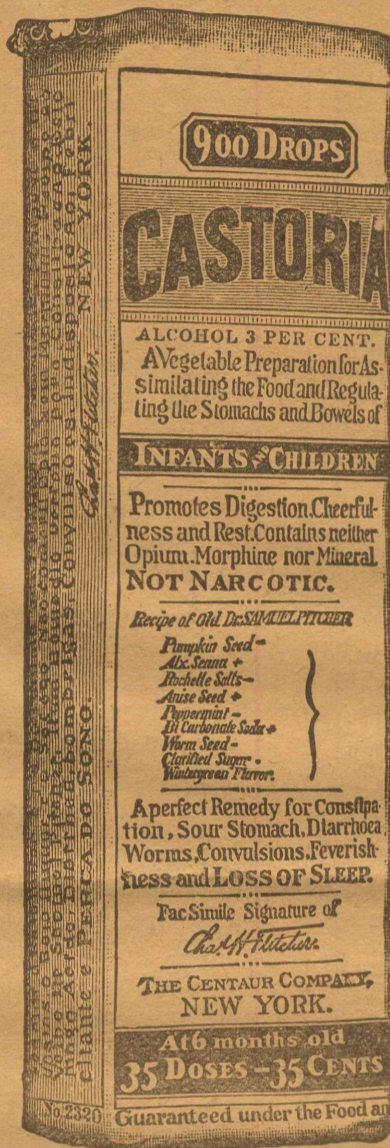
The hired man listened in sullen silence until the boss finished. Then "See here. You'll have to get another man."

"Why, Jim, you're not going to leave me, after working for me for six years?"

"Yes, I am," returned the hired man. "I've done all sorts of odd chores for you without a whimper, but I'm durned if I'm going to stay here and be secretary to any durned hen!"

## Libby's Luncheon Delicacies

Dried Beef, sliced water thin, Hickory Smoked and with a choice flavor that you will remember. Vienna Sausage—just right for Red Hot, or to serve cold. Try them served like this: Cut rye bread in thin slices, spread with creamed butter and remove crust. Cut a Libby's Vienna Sausage half lengthwise, lay on bread. Place on top of the sausage a few thin slices of Libby's Midget Pickles. Cover with other slice of bread, press lightly together. Arrange on plate, serve garnished with parsley sprays. Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago



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## Children Cry For

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## What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. **The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.**

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"So you are glad to see me, are you, Willie?" said the minister who was dining with the family. "Why are you glad?"

"Because," lisped the little fellow, "we always have a good dinner when you vithit uth."

## FACE FULL OF PIMPLES

Ruffin, N. C.—"My face became full of pimples and blackheads, and would itch, burn and smart. The skin was rough and red. I was really ashamed of my face. My arms and back were affected almost as badly. The pimples would fester and there would come a dry scab on top. The trouble caused my face to be disfigured badly and the itching would bother me so I could not sleep well nights, especially during warm weather.

"The trouble lasted me three long years without anything doing me any good until a friend told me about Cuticura Soap and Ointment and then I decided to try them. After the first application I could see some improvement. After using Cuticura Soap and Ointment two weeks I did not look like the same person; most of the pimples had disappeared. At the end of four weeks I was completely cured." (Signed) Miss Mamie Mitchell, Jan. 9, 1913.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dep., L, Boston."—Adv.

#### He Had to Say It.

Studious Maid—Here's a scientist who says every person has a special affinity for some tree. What tree do you suppose is your affinity?  
Smitten Youth—Yew.

#### Looking for the Reward.

A rural school had a pretty girl as its teacher, but she was much troubled because many of her pupils were late every morning. At last she made the announcement that she would kiss the first pupil to arrive at the schoolhouse the next morning. At sunrise three of the largest boys of her class were sitting on the door step of the schoolhouse and by 6 o'clock every boy in the school and four of the directors were waiting for her to arrive. —Ladies' Home Journal.

It is easier to put faith in humanity than it is to keep it there.

#### The Man Who Put the E's in FEET

Look for This Trade-Mark Picture on the Label when buying **ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE** The Antiseptic Powder for Tender, Aching Feet. Sold every-where. 25c. Sample FREE. Address, **ALLEN S. OLMSTED, Le Roy, N. Y.**

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# Death Lurks In A Weak Heart

If Yours is fluttering or weak, use "RENOVINE." Made by Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Co., Memphis, Tenn. Price \$1.00

Mr. Jones, formerly in the grocery business at Post, is now with Sol Davis and has charge of the grocery department of the Davis establishment. Mr. Jones will move his family to Spur at an early date and become permanently identified with the citizenship.

W. H. Jennings says that notwithstanding the fact that he has been bogging around he has been on the sick list this week, the illness being sufficiently serious that the professional services of Dr. Morris was rendered and which services were effective.

Jas. F. Williams returned the latter part of last week from Putnam where he spent a week or more taking treatments of Dr. Milling, the magnetic healer. Mr. Williams says that if he did him no good he thought that he did which served the purpose.

Mrs. P. H. Miller left this week for points further east where she will assist in the settlement of the estate of her brother, W. R. Rich, who died recently in a sanitarium at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss came in the latter part of last week from their ranch home and are spending some time at their home in Spur, Mr. Goss being under the treatment of Dr. Grace.

A. Stiffler, of Dickens, was in Spur this week making preparations to move his family here at an early date. Mr. Stiffler will make Spur the business headquarters of his piano business.

C. W. Dortch arrived in Spur this week and has accepted a position with Sol Davis in the dry goods department of the Davis establishment.

J. A. Nichols, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Plains country, was in Spur Thursday trading with the merchants and on other business.

Charlie Derrick was in the city the first of the week with a bunch of horses which he is rounding up from the surrounding ranges.

Mrs. Gibbon Killough left this week for Palestine where she will spend some time on business and visiting relatives and friends.

Rev. Wm. Pearn will preach at the First Christian church Sunday, August 10, morning and night. All are invited to attend.

Miss Mary Riter, of Forney, is in the city on an extended visit to her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter.

Ross Edwards, who has been visiting his parents and other relatives at Ford City, returned this week to Spur.

Uncle Buck Hardin, of Post, was in Spur recently on business and greeting friends and former associates.

Full blood Plymouth Rock roosters to trade for frving chickens.—Mrs. H. T. Burgoon. 39tf

# A Business Proposition

If you have a business proposition to which a conservatively managed bank can lend its support, come to The First State Bank with it. While this bank does not contribute fixed capital to business enterprises, there are various ways in which it can aid in their wholesome and sound expansion. An interview with our officers will determine how far this bank can go in developing a good business proposition.

## THE FIRST STATE BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier  
C. HOGAN, Asst. Cashier

G. H. CONNELL, President

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J. D. HARKEY, Vice-Pres.

### TEXAS A DOUBLE TRACK STATE.

Commission Pleads for Better Railroad Service. Some Radical Improvements in Texas Roads are Needed.

Houston, Texas.—The Texas Welfare Commission in its report on Railroads and Railroad Securities makes the following plea for higher standards of service. Those who have suffered inconveniences in travel or have endured delays in movement of freight will readily appreciate the statement of the Commission:

"We are pleased to declare that the time has come in Texas when some of our most important railroads should construct second tracks.

"The passing of Texas out of the list of states characterized as capable of sustaining only single track lines will mark an epoch in her history. That time has come.

"And further the time has come when our public is entitled to and should demand higher standards in railroad service. The day for passenger trains that joggled and bumped along over high and low joint at a leisurely gait of fifteen miles an hour has passed; the day for interminable and unexplained delays while weary people sit in dusty stations hour after hour waiting, wondering and swearing, has passed. The day of lethargic freight handling has passed—Texas dare not content herself with a transportation system characterized by such defects while beyond her boundaries in every direction modern methods of transportation conducted on standards of efficiency, safety and speed such as the untraveled Texan never dreamed of on rates equally favorable to our own are affording to our sister states advantages in life and business that nothing in our situation otherwise will enable us to compete with.

"It is the opinion of your commission that the hour has come when in the name and behalf of Texas and for her prosperity and further progress radical changes for the better must be brought about in our Texas railroad situation. New lines must be constructed; old lines must be improved; additional yards, terminals, sidings and depots must be constructed.

Fred O. McFall, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of a few miles north of Spur was here and hauled out posts and wire with which to make improvements on his place.

J. R. Walker returned Wednesday from a several days vacation in Galveston and other points. His mother returned to Spur with him for an extended visit.

J. J. Martin, of Red Mud, was in Spur Saturday after supplies.

### GILPIN HAPPENINGS

The Methodist meeting closed Monday night.

The Baptist meeting begins Friday night, August 8. Everybody come and help.

The singing school closed July 31 with an all-day singing and dinner on the ground. Everybody enjoyed a pleasant day. The prize book was awarded to Miss Edith Lovall, of near Girard.

Misses Odessa and Lucy Hagins, Pearl and Alice Goodwin, together with Mrs. Marshall, of Temple, visited the Gilpin people Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Marshall is an old-time acquaintance and is always welcome.

D. D. and Poet Hagins made a business trip to Spur Monday.

Willie Hagins and Charlie Carlisle have returned home from Lubbock where they spent some time visiting relatives. They report crops late, but fine.

Oscar Sampson, of San Angelo, visited his brother, W. P. Sampson.

A nice shower fell in the Gilpin country last Friday, which did the crops much good. Although the ground is getting dry, the farmers have prospects of a bumper crop this year.

Murrel Bilberry, who was quite sick Thursday, is better at this time.

Miss Mary Hart, of Lubbock, is visiting relatives in this community.—A. Farmer.



**E. LONG**  
BOOT-MAKER

John Gruben, who was in Spur and had charge of the W. C. Gruben jewelry business during Mr. and Mrs. Gruben's honey moon trip, left last week for Amarillo where he will probably locate.

T. E. Ruckor, of Roaring Springs, was in Spur this week to be with his daughter, Mrs. Penn Howell of Afton, who is in the Standifer Hospital for an operation.

We here and now notify President Wilson and Secretary Bryan that their proposal to permit both the Federals and Revolutionists to secure munitions of war through the United States meets with our hearty approval. The Federals of Mexico secured their claim to the powers of government through murder, assassination and betrayal of the duly elected head, and as a legal, duly authorized head the Federals are due no more consideration than the Revolutionists. If both sides are permitted to secure all the ammunition they can get the sooner will the differences be settled.

W. G. Sherrod returned Thursday from an extended vacation trip to Galveston, Freeport and other points in that section of the state. Mr. Sherrod reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

Oliver Pike, who has been in Spur the past year and employed in the G. A. Howsley blacksmith shop, left last week for Oklahoma where he expects to reside in the future.

J. O. Yopp, who left last week for Dallas for treatment in the Baptist Sanitarium, has returned to Spur much improved of his ailment and is expected to soon be entirely recovered.

### RIGHT TO ISSUE REFUNDING BONDS.

Freight Rates Not Affected by Refunding of Securities.

Houston, Texas.—The right to re-issue maturing securities in excess to the Railroad Commission valuation is one that is denied railroads by the State of Texas, although such securities were legally issued prior to the passage of the Stock and Bond law. The opinion of men engaged in financing railroads was sought by the Texas Welfare Commission, recently adjourned. Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harriman lines, gave his views in part, as follows:

"Every railroad company ought to be given the right to issue bonds at par, to refund existing obligations. The existing bonds of the Houston & Texas Central, for instance, (and it is true of every other railroad company in the state except those who have recently issued bonds under the ruling of the Commission) have been outstanding for more than twenty years.

W. R. Stephens, of the Tap country, was in Spur Tuesday and reported that he and family were moving to the Afton country, he having sold his crop near Tap to one of the Boling boys. Mr. Stephens will be employed in assisting the Afton farmers gather their crops.

Geo. S. Link left Tuesday for Baltimore where he goes to buy goods for the several general mercantile establishments of the Bryant-Link Company. Mr. Link is not only an expert buyer but an able, efficient and trustworthy business man in every respect.

Irl R. Morgan, who has been working on the Paducah Post the past several months and formerly of the Texas Spur force, passed through the city this week on his way to Palestine where he has a position. Morgan spent Saturday and Sunday here greeting former friends and associates.

Geo. T. Barnes is managing the P. H. Miller Lumber Company business during the absence of Mrs. Miller who is in Jacksboro on business connected with the estate of her brother, W. R. Rich, who died recently.

W. M. Wade, of Clairemont, is in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. Will Cooper and family. Mr. Wade reports everything in fine shape in the vicinity of Clairemont.

Joe Smith, the Bryant-Link Company credit man, made a business trip this week to Rule and other points, returning to Spur the latter part of the week.

W. G. Broyles and family left Spur the latter part of the week for a several week's vacation. The vacation will be spent in Austin with his father.

L. H. Perry, of Stephenville, was in Spur several days of this week looking after his interests in the Spur Hardware Company business.

Percy Hamil returned this week from the Tongue River Ranch, where he has been some time working with a tanking crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris, of Dallas, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan of the city and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jackson of Dickens.

Mr. Bobo and family, of Ranger, are visiting his son, C. A. Bobo and wife of the city.

Mrs. Wayne VanLeer, of the Dry Lake community, is reported to be quite sick.

H. A. Boothe returned to Spur this week after a month's vacation.

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